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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	121	Minus	121 =	0 ×	\$50(25)	= \$0
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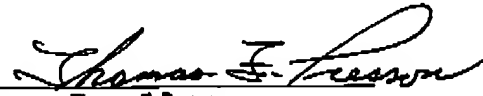
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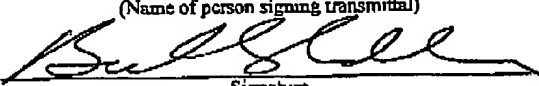
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment mailed on April 17, 2006, having a one-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 17, 2006, Applicants submit herewith a complete listing of the claims and revised remarks.

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